

**17981. ASPARAGUS ACUTIFOLIUS.**

From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson-Proschowsky. Received March 12, 1906.

"This is an evergreen plant which is found growing wild here, but never in abundance. It grows both in the woods and on sunny slopes; in some places where it is very dry, receiving no rainfall for two or three years. In such places the stems are short and quite leafy, and it is here only that they sometimes, but rarely, produce seeds. In the shade the plants produce stems several meters in length, climbing either shrubs or trees and hanging down the slopes, where they have a very graceful appearance. Young plants are readily transplanted when the roots are still fibrous, but when they become older and the roots are thick and fleshy it is impossible to transplant them. This asparagus in the wild state is quite a delicacy, and although scarce and sparingly found, the young shoots are eagerly sought for." (*Proschowsky.*)

**17982 and 17983. NICOTIANA spp.**

From Philadelphia, Pa. Received through Henry A. Dreer, Inc., March 5, 1906.

**17982. NICOTIANA SANDERAE.**

(See S. P. I. No. 17246.)

**17983. NICOTIANA SANDERAE** *hyb.*

(See S. P. I. No. 17247.)

**17984. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.****Sorghum.**

From Canadian, Tex. Received through Mr. Thomas F. Moody, March 10, 1906.  
*Sourless.*

**17985. COLOCASIA sp.****Dasheen.**

From Aguas Buenas, P. R. Received through Mr. A. W. Bowser, March 12, 1906.  
Identical with S. P. I. No. 15395.

**17986. COLOCASIA sp.****Taro.**

From Georgetown, S. C. Received through Mr. John Tull, March 12, 1906.

"Roots of the so-called *Yellow Tanager* of South Carolina. These roots were grown by me last year on Cat Island from roots given to me by Mr. Alex. Lucas, of Santee, S. C." (*Tull.*)

**17987. COLOCASIA sp.****Taro.**

From Georgetown, S. C. Received through Mr. John Tull, March 12, 1906.

"Roots of the so-called *White Tanager* of South Carolina. These were grown by me on Cat Island last year from roots given to me by an old negro (John Huggins) who lives near here. He grows a few every year just for his own use, and has grown them from time immemorial." (*Tull.*)

**17988. ARACHIS HYPOGAEA.****Peanut.**

From Yungas Valley, Bolivia. Received through Mr. Arthur L. Jackson, of La Paz, Bolivia, March 12, 1906.

**17989. NICOTIANA TOMENTOSA**

From Hamburg, Germany. Received through Mr. Albert Schenkel, March, 1906.